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1. Since 15 January 1947, all former commissioned and non-commissioned officers of the German Wehrmacht have had to re-register and report once a week to the local Komendatura. Their identity cards are stamped by the Komendatura at each visit. At the registration every detail of training is carefully noted. Practically no interest is shown in former infantry troops. On the other hand all details are noted of men from the Luftwaffe, tanks, chemical engineers, paratroops, combat engineers, navy, and transportation units.
2. The Soviets have also demonstrated interest in the following:
 - a. In Prenzlau, Stendal, Magdeburg, and Nordhausen all tractors, trucks, cars, and other vehicles using rubber tires have to be reported and are examined by a mixed Russo-German commission.
 - b. Similarly all horses in those areas are subject to examination by a commission. The given is "Frühjahrbestellung der Landwirtschaft".
 - c. All spare parts for motor vehicles have also to be reported.
 - d. In Kreis Prenzlau all skilled workers must be registered, especially those from the metal and shipbuilding industries, who worked on armaments during the war.
3. The following Wehrmacht and specialist personnel have disappeared from the Prenzlau area under strange circumstances:
 - a. One major, one colonel, and one general, all elderly men, who had managed small estates in the neighborhood, were summoned recently to the Komendatura, from which they did not return. Their present whereabouts are unknown.
 - b. One chemist, who formerly worked for the Stickstoffwerk-Oppeln, one machine tool specialist who formerly worked in an armament factory in Upper Silesia, and one compressor specialist have already been taken from Prenzlau to an unknown destination. These three are all refugees from Silesia.
4. In Nordhausen machine tools in large numbers are being requisitioned and removed by the Russians, against payment.

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